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Letter dated 23 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to submit the following observations and reservations on the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

We believe that the Agenda is a historic and universal document and note that it displays a strong commitment towards eradicating poverty, as the greatest global challenge, and emphasizes indispensable requirements for sustainable development. We highlight the consensus achieved on the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities as well as national ownership and leadership as solid foundations to facilitate the implementation of the Agenda at all levels: national, regional and international.

We reiterate the central role of the High-level Political Forum. A solid and strong High-level Political Forum, visionary but practical, is in a unique position to support advancing the Agenda. It should demonstrate high-level political leadership and guide the Agenda and its implementation.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to put on record its observations on the following issues:

- We reiterate our previous explanations of position and reservations on the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (see A/68/970/Add.1).
- In our understanding, there should be only a single voluntary reporting system by the national Governments, based on the principle of national ownership and leadership, seeking, where and as appropriate, inputs from national non-State

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actors, the United Nations country offices as well as the United Nations Secretariat.

- We would like to emphasize the necessity of compatibility of the United Nations operating activities with the Agenda, in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to enable the Member States to implement the Agenda.
- We reiterate that any reporting template and reporting mechanism and their indicators should be agreed and adopted through an intergovernmental process.
- Nothing in this document shall be construed in one way or another against national legislation, development priorities or the cultural, social and religious backgrounds of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This applies, inter alia, to terms such as other status, other groups, sex education, gender, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.
- Finally, we reiterate our willingness and full engagement towards the implementation of the Agenda.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 15 and 116.

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